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My name is Lionel Trepanier. The address is 11601 South Artesian in Chicago, 60655. My phone number 312-593-0996. My comment on the scope of the environmental impact statement is that the scope of the statement needs to include the impact of moving the location of shipments of extremely hazardous chemicals. I believe that the environmental impact statement should analyze the potential impact of shipping these chemicals that are now currently shipped by railcar through the City of Chicago and moving those shipments into suburban Cook County. The reason this is an important issue is that in the City of Chicago we have a centralized and operating local emergency planning committee. This local emergency planning committee is required under federal law EPCRA "Emergency Planning Committee Right to Know Act". Under the Emergency Planning Committee Right to Know Act, the responses to a potential leak from one of these rail shipments needs to be analyzed and a plan needs to be put in place to respond to such a leak. In the City of Chicago such plan exist. In suburban Cook County such plans do not exist. So if these shipments of toxic chemicals/extremely hazardous substances are moved as they would be under this proposed rail sale to Canadian National, then many 100s of thousands of people are put in danger because the shipment of extremely hazardous substances will come through communities unprepared to respond to an accident or worse an accident or deliberate, malevolent release of these toxic chemicals from these rail shipments. So the shipment of toxic chemical to unprepared communities would be a direct result of the proposed action being analyzed in the environmental impact statement. So, the scope of the environmental impact statement should include the impact of displacing shipment of toxic chemicals from an area prepared to respond to an accident involving such shipments to areas unprepared to respond to an accident involving the shipment of these toxic chemicals. I thank you very much. Again the name is Lionel Trepanier. Good day.

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